

RADIO TRANSMISSION-ENABLED PORTABLE DIGITAL DATA STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a portable digital data storage device and method and particularly to a radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device and method that includes at least a mobile communication module, a pushbutton device, a data storage device, a simple management module (SMM) and an external connection device.

10 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

With arriving of information age, information life is a trend modern people have to live with. In addition, digital technologies have become increasingly popular, more and more living-related information are digitized. As a result, a wide variety of digital information storage devices have been introduced.

15 Hard disk is the earliest large capacity digital data storage device. With advanced technologies, data density of hard disk increases significantly. However, hard disk generally has to be coupled to the computer. Although it has the advantage of large capacity, it also has drawbacks such as cannot be disassembled easily and has compatibility problem among different systems. These problems have been largely resolved with the introduction of portable hard disk. Adopting the
20 plug and play operation principle, the hard disk now has overcome the single machine limitation and the compatibility problem among different systems. While the portable hard disk has large capacity, its impact-resistant mechanism is relatively weak. Hence for carrying at a long period of time and repetitive use, data safety and integrity is still a concern.

Thus at present the portable disk that combines the benefits of convenience of the portable
25 hard disk and fast retrieval of the random access memory has become the best choice for transmitting digital data. It has a small size, can be used almost unlimited number of times, and can withstand great impacts. It is desirable for use in frequent digital data transmission and exchange. It also may be coupled with various types of electronic devices such as FM radio, MP3 player, answering machine, and the like. Hence besides data storage function, it has a wide
30 range of applicability.

Due to increasingly popular of digital devices, the portable disk that originally has adequate capacity also encounters constraints such as cannot accommodate all of data or transmit the completed data at one pass. It frequently occurs that one portable disk has to be used for storing

and retrieving data multiple of times, or multiple number of portable disks have to be used. In the event that data storing operation cannot be waited, such as during user is out or on an oversea trip, there is a risk that the single use portable disk could run out of capacity or incomplete transmission of digital data might occur. Hence there is need to provide a storage device that can
5 easily store a large amount of digital data.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore the primary object of the invention is to provide a radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device and method for transmitting stored digital data to a larger
10 data storage space through a mobile communication equipment and the Internet to enable the portable digital data storage device to continuously store other digital data.

The radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device according to the invention includes at least a data storage device for storing digital data, a mobile communication module
15 for transmitting the digital data stored in the data storage device to a preset digital storage space, a pushbutton device to control digital data transmission stored in the digital storage space, an external connection device linking to a corresponding transmission hardware for transmitting and
20 storing digital data, and a simple management module (SMM) for controlling operations of the portable digital data storage device and transmitting the stored digital data through a desired means to a preset data storage space. In addition, the invention may be coupled with a radio receiving device, a MP3 player, a digital video camera or a digital recording device to integrate functions and expand the applicability of the portable digital data storage device of the invention.

The foregoing, as well as additional objects, features and advantages of the invention will be more readily apparent from the following detailed description, which proceeds with reference to the accompanying drawings.

25 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a process flowchart of an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of another embodiment of the invention.

30 DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Refer to FIG. 1 for the process flowchart of an embodiment of the invention. The method for the radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device according to the invention

includes at least the following steps:

S100 start operation;

S110 SMM verifies the type of the storage device which is electrically connected therewith and related settings, and execute functions of various modules that are electrically connected to the SMM;

5 S120 determine whether the stored data to be transmitted through e-mail; if positive, go to S121; if negative, go to S130;

S121 transmit data to a preset e-mail address, enter S150;

10 S130 determine whether the stored data to be transmitted through the Internet; if positive, go to S131; if negative, go to S140;

S131 transmit data to a preset Internet address, go to S150;

S140 does not transmit the stored data; go to S150;

S150 Operation end.

Refer to FIG. 2 for a block diagram of an embodiment of the invention. The radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device according to the invention includes a data storage device 1 for storing digital data, a simple management module (SMM) 2 for verifying the type of the storage device which is electrically connected therewith and related settings and executing functions of various modules that are electrically connected to the SMM 2, an external connection device 3 linking electrically to the data storage device 1 to connect an external electronic device for transmitting digital data stored in a memory device to a preset e-mail box or Internet address through a desired data transmission means, a pushbutton device 4 connected electrically to the external connection device 3 and the SMM 2 for controlling digital data transmission of the portable storage device, and a mobile communication module 5 electrically connected to the SMM 2 for transmitting the digital data stored in the data storage device 1 to the preset e-mail box or Internet address.

Refer to FIG. 3 for a block diagram of another embodiment of the invention. The radio transmission-enabled portable digital data storage device according to the invention includes a data storage device 1 for storing digital data, a simple management module (SMM) 2 for verifying the type of the storage device which is electrically connected therewith and related settings and executing functions of various modules that are electrically connected to the SMM, an external connection device 3 linking electrically to the data storage device 1 to connect an external electronic device for transmitting digital data stored in a memory device to a preset e-mail box or Internet address through a desired data transmission means, a pushbutton device 4 connected electrically to the external connection device 3 and the SMM 2 for controlling digital data transmission of the portable storage device, and a mobile communication module 5 electrically connected to the SMM 2 for transmitting the digital data stored in the data storage

device 1 to a preset e-mail box or Internet address, a MP3 player 6 electrically connecting to the external connection device 3 and SMM2 to broadcast MP3 and compatible files, a radio receiving module 7 electrically connecting to the external connection device 3 and SMM2 to receive and broadcast radio contents, a digital video camera 8 included a digital camera lens 5 electrically connecting to the external connection device 3 and SMM2 to take pictures and store the pictures in the data storage device 1, and an audio recording device 9 electrically connecting to the external connection device 3 and SMM2 to store external audio signals in file formats in the data storage device 1.

The data storage device 1 may be one of the followings: Synchronous Dynamic Random Access Memory (SDRAM), Double Duration Rate Random Access Memory (DDR RAM), Direct RDRAM (Direct RAM BUS DRAM) or Synchronous Link DRAM (SLDRAM). The SSM 2 may be Electrically Erasable & Programmable ROM (EEROM), Flash ROM, Erasable & Programmable ROM (EPROM), or Electrically Erasable & Programmable ROM (EEPROM). The external connection device 3 may be an IEEE-1394 interface or 10 Universal Serial Bus (USB). The mobile communication module 5 may be a 2.5G communication module or 3G communication module. The audio recording device 9 can store 15 the recorded external audio signals in digital file formats in the data storage device 2.

By means of the device and method described above, stored digital data may be transmitted through a mobile communication device to a preset e-mail box or a preset Internet address. Thus 20 the device and the method of the invention provides improved functions and data transmission capability and is more convenient in operation than the conventional techniques.

While the preferred embodiments of the invention have been set forth for the purpose of disclosure, modifications of the disclosed embodiments of the invention as well as other 25 embodiments thereof may occur to those skilled in the art. Accordingly, the appended claims are intended to cover all embodiments which do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention.